

Appl. No. 10/648,431
Amdt. Dated March 14, 2005
Reply to Office Action of December 13, 2004

Attorney Docket No. 81784.0283
Customer No.: 26021

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 32-53 were pending in the Application. By this Amendment, Claims 44-46 and 51 are being cancelled, and Claims 47, 52 and 53 are being rewritten in independent form. Also, a Terminal Disclaimer is being filed in order to eliminate the rejection of Claims 32-43 based on obviousness-type double patenting. No new matter is involved.

The Office Action rejects Claims 44-46 and 51 on prior art. In response, Applicants are cancelling Claims 44-46 and 51, thereby obviating this rejection.

On page 4 of the Office Action, Claims 32-43 are rejected on the grounds of obviousness-type double patenting based on Claims 1-30 of U.S. Patent 6,639,640. In response, Applicants are enclosing a Terminal Disclaimer so as to remove this rejection.

On page 4 of the Office Action, Claims 47-50, 52 and 53 are indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. In response, Applicants are rewriting Claims 47, 52 and 53 in independent form. Claims 48-50 depend from and contain all of the limitations of Claim 47. Therefore, Claims 47-50, 52 and 53 should now be allowable, in addition to Claims 32-43.

Therefore, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (213) 337-6700 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

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